HOUSE RESOLUTION 26 By Bone

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the administration, faculty, staff, students, and families of Woodland Elementary School upon earning accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on December 12, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that have received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Accreditation demonstrates an educational facility's drive for excellence through the commitment of resources, programs, and services sufficient to sustain a challenging academic atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, SACS schools impart the highest ideals of quality education as they conduct a continuing program of educational improvement, meet rigorous standards of accreditation, submit annual plans for future improvement and self-evaluation, and undergo periodic reevaluation by outside teams of professional educators every five years; and

WHEREAS, with its newly received SACS accreditation on December 12, 2004, Woodland Elementary School is one such institution acknowledged for the hard work and diligence evidenced by its administration, faculty, staff, students, and families; and

WHEREAS, those members serving on the Accreditation Committee for Woodland Elementary School, whose dedication and hard-work helped the school to reach a new level of excellence, include Principal Charley Heath, Mrs. Melisha Simmons, Mr. Brian Parker, Mrs. Mitzie Bush, Mrs. Rhonda Martin, Mr. Brad Underwood, and Mrs. Tracy Hale who chaired the committee; and

WHEREAS, with its accreditation, Woodland Elementary School compares favorably with other schools, not only within the region, but throughout the nation, because accreditation enhances educational quality by improving the effectiveness of institutions and ensuring that they meet standards established by the higher education community; and

WHEREAS, it is said that accreditation relies on integrity, thoughtful and principled judgment, rigorous application of requirements, and a context of trust, all of which Woodland Elementary School and its administration, faculty, staff, students, and families exemplify; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the administration, faculty, staff, students, and families of Woodland Elementary School on their impressive academic achievement in earning SACS accreditation and express our deepest thanks for the outstanding education Woodland Elementary School will make available to the children of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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